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1. SUMMARY: ECAFE'S PET IDEA, THE REGIONAL ENERGY CENTER, HAS NOT GOTTEN OFF THE GROUND. SECRETARIAT ITSELF INDICATED UN HEADQUARTERS HAD SOME RESERVATIONS; NETHERLANDS AND JAPAN SUGGESTED ECAFE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS DO THE CENTER'S WORK AND INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA DECLARED IDEA PREMATURE. SOVIET UNION FLATLY OPPOSED IT. END SUMMARY.

2. AT FEBRUARY 28 SESSION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING ON ENERGY CRISIS, ECAFE SECRETARIAT INDICATED THAT UN NEW YORK BUDGET BUREAU HAD SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF PROPOSED ENERGY CENTER. NEVERTHELESS, AT COFFEE BREAK, SECRETARIAT FLOATED DRAFT RESOLUTION CALLING ON ECAFE TO TAKE SEVERAL ACTIONS IN ENERGY FIELD INCLUDING ESTABLISHMENT OF ENERGY CENTER. IT COULD GET NO ONE TO CO-SPONSOR THE PROPOSAL HOWEVER.

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3. BEFORE DRAFT RESOLUTION EVER FORMALLY DEBATED, NETHERLANDS REP QUESTIONED WHETHER CENTER SHOULD BE DISCUSSED BECAUSE FINANCIAL QUESTIONS WERE PENDING AND SUGGESTED THAT ECAFE COULD DO ITS WORK. KHMER REPUBLIC AND AFGHANISTAN IN THEIR FORMAL PRESENTATIONS STILL INDICATED SUPPORT FOR CENTER, BUT JAPAN SUGGESTED THAT CCOP AND THE NEWLY FORMED MINERALS RESEARCH CENTER SHOULD BE USED FOR PURPOSES OUTLINED FOR ENERGY CENTER.

4. NOTING THE SECRETARIAT'S INDECISIVENESS ABOUT THE CENTER, INDONESIA REP DECLARED THAT MOST DELEGATES WERE UNPREPARED AND NEEDED MORE TIME TO STUDY ENERGY CENTER IDEA. HE SUGGESTED ECAFE-SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED INSTEAD OF ESTABLISHING CENTER. MALAYSIA SUPPORTED INDONESIA DECLARING ENERGY CENTER PROPOSAL WAS PREMATURE AND THAT SECRETARIAT SHOULD DO THE WORK OF COLLECTING AND DISTRIBUTING ENERGY DATA. AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN REPS DECLARED THEY WERE UNINSTRUCTED AND SOVIETS CLOSED SESSION BY DECLARING FLAT OPPOSITION TO ENERGY CENTER.

5. COMMENT: REALIZING THAT ECAFE PROJECTS AND IDEAS NEVER DIE, WE BELIEVE ENERGY CENTER IDEA HAS BEEN EFFECTIVELY POSTPONED TO THE PLENARY SESSION, IF NOT FOREVER.

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